

May 17, 2005

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
May 25, 2005**

		<u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4.	<u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A.	<u>Approval of the April 27, 2005 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approval of the April 27, 2005 meeting minutes.
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. Approval of the Enhanced MAG Pedestrian Policies and Design Guidelines

The *MAG Pedestrian Policies and Design Guidelines* is a comprehensive manual of pedestrian policies and facility design that creates a regional standard that is used by community groups, planner and design professionals, and urban design students. Since the creation of the *Guidelines* in 1995, many changes have occurred that have prompted the need to enhance the document to incorporate safety, elderly mobility, American with Disabilities Act guidelines, summaries of recent pedestrian projects and their economic impact, lessons learned through the MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Program, and consideration of the *MAG Pedestrian Plan 2000*. The MAG Pedestrian Working Group and the Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Project Approval for the MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Program

The FY 2005 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council, includes \$200,000 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program. On April 19, 2005, the MAG Pedestrian Working Group recommended that the following projects receive funding: 1) City of Scottsdale - Enhancing Pedestrian Mobility in Downtown Scottsdale (\$70,000); 2) City of Phoenix - Roosevelt Row Pedestrian Connection (\$70,000); 3) City of El Mirage - Cactus Road Sidewalk Project (\$20,000); 4) City of Avondale - Littleton School Sidewalk Connection (\$12,270); 5) City of Mesa - North/South Pedestrian Connection (\$30,000). The total cost of the projects exceeds \$200,000 by \$2,270 which will be requested in the FFY 2005 Interim Year End Closeout process. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Approval of the enhanced *MAG Pedestrian Policies and Design Guidelines*.

5C. Approval of selecting the City of Scottsdale - Enhancing Pedestrian Mobility in Downtown Scottsdale (\$70,000); City of Phoenix - Roosevelt Row Pedestrian Connection (\$70,000); City of El Mirage - Cactus Road Sidewalk Project (\$20,000); City of Avondale - Littleton School Sidewalk Connection (\$12,270); and the City of Mesa - North/South Pedestrian Connection (\$30,000) to receive the pedestrian design assistance and seek an additional \$2,270 in the FFY 2005 Interim Year End Closeout process.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5D. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care
Consolidated Application Process for Maricopa
County

On December 18, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year-round planning process for federal funds for homeless programs. This includes the submittal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for Maricopa County. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent and transitional housing services. It is anticipated that the region could receive more than \$20 million in 2005. Last year, the region received \$19.3 million. The ranking and review process, administered by Valley of the Sun United Way, is complete. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Preparations for Conducting the 2005 Census
Survey

At the April 2005 Regional Council meeting, information was provided on preparations for conducting the 2005 Census. Since the April meeting, thirteen member agencies have supplied the Census Bureau with address lists in order to control any estimated cost increase for the survey. MAG is also working on compiling a list of outdoor locations that the Census Bureau will use to conduct the full count of population living in outdoor locations. An opportunity for all member agencies to review the print quality of all mail materials will occur in May. Additionally, the address canvassing operation has begun. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Possible comment on the Homeless Continuum of Care recommendations.

5E. Information.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**AIR QUALITY ITEM**

6. New Finding of Conformity for the Amended FY
2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement
Program and Regional Transportation Plan

6. Ratification of the Executive Committee action to approve the new Finding of Conformity for the amended FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation

The 2005 MAG Conformity Analysis concludes that the amended Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as a whole meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. The proposed amendment includes requests by Maricopa County and the City of Apache Junction to add new projects to the TIP that are considered regionally significant. In addition, a conformity determination on the TIP and RTP for the new eight-hour ozone standard must be completed by June 15, 2005. Following a 30-day public review and comment period, MAG conducted a public hearing on April 25, 2005 on the proposed amendment to the TIP and 2005 Conformity Analysis for the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP and RTP. The MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval of the draft conformity analysis. The MAG Executive Committee approved the new Finding of Conformity May 16, 2005. Ratification of the Executive Committee action will be considered at the Regional Council meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

7. Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Maricopa County and Apache Junction Highway Projects

On November 25, 2003, the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council. Since that time, Maricopa County has notified MAG of five new roads that are being constructed in the northwest and southwest Valley and Apache Junction of a nearly 10-mile planned widening of Ironwood Road. All of these projects require an Amendment to the TIP to be able to proceed. All of the projects are regarded as regionally significant projects for air quality conformity analysis purposes and a new Finding of Conformity for this item is considered as a separate agenda item. The results of the conformity analysis conclude that the amended TIP and Regional Transportation Plan as a whole

7. Ratification of the Executive Committee action to approve an Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add five new privately and locally funded Maricopa County projects and one privately funded widening project in Apache Junction, contingent upon a finding of conformity.

meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. The Transportation Review Committee and Management Committee recommended approval of a TIP amendment for these projects, pending completion of the air quality conformity analysis. The MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved the TIP Amendment May 16, 2005. Ratification of the Executive Committee action will be considered at the Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council meetings. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Draft Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

For the past year, MAG has been developing Draft Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures to guide the implementation of the arterial street component of Proposition 400. The development of the draft policies and procedures has involved extensive participation of MAG member agencies and input from the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). At the April 20, 2005 TPC meeting, general consensus was reached on four arterial life cycle program policies relating to program adjustments for revenue shortfalls, for surplus program funds and for surplus project funds and reimbursement for advanced projects. Discussion and action on the four policies at the May 18 TPC meeting is anticipated.

In addition, a revised version of the draft ALCP Policies and Procedures document has been prepared based on input received to date, including comments received at the workshop of MAG member agency staff on May 13, 2005. Discussion and possible action on the draft policies and procedures are anticipated at the May 18, 2005 meeting of the TPC. A report on the TPC's deliberations will be provided in a separate mailing. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Information, discussion, and possible action to approve the Draft Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures recommended by the Transportation Policy Committee.

GENERAL ITEMS

9. FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

In May 2005, the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is being presented for approval. As adjustments to the budget are made, the budget document has been updated and presented to the Management Committee, Executive Committee, and the Regional Council. Updates to the budget document reflect the most recent recommended changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

9. Approval of the resolution adopting the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments.

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information.